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MESSAGE:

Examiner Shrestha:

Thank you for agreeing to conduct a telephonic interview for the above-referenced case at 3:00 pm EST on Monday, February 7, 2011. As requested, here is a proposed agenda for the interview:

1. The nature of the invention
2. Possible clarifying amendments to claim 1 (attached)

Draft amendment to claim 1
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/723,129

1.   A method for electronically corroborating and authorizing a manual payment of a gaming jackpot, comprising:

receiving a jackpot winning signal from a gaming machine by a jackpot server, the jackpot winning signal including an amount of a jackpot value of a jackpot won by a player;

receiving a payment user transaction signal via the jackpot server, the payment user transaction signal including a payment user identifier and a jackpot transaction value inputted by a payment attendant, the payment user identifier identifying the payment attendant and the jackpot transaction value indicating an amount of a jackpot won by the player;

<u>electronically corroborating the amount of the jackpot value of the jackpot winning signal by</u> comparing the amount of the jackpot value of the jackpot winning signal to the amount of the jackpot transaction value of the payment user transaction signal inputted by the payment attendant by the jackpot server and generating a confirmed jackpot value if the amount of the jackpot value of the jackpot winning signal is equal to the amount of the jackpot transaction value of the payment user transaction signal~~thereby electronically corroborating the amount of the jackpot value of the jackpot winning signal~~;

authorizing transfer of the confirmed jackpot value to the player without a requirement for a human corroborating payment witnessing user; and

creating a record of the authorized transfer.